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American Association for the Advancement of Science

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October 29th, 1914

L. O. Howard, Esq.,

Secretary, American Association for the Advancement of Science.

Dear Sir:

I have had a meeting of the committee which the university appointed to make arrangements for the reception of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, which accepted our invitation to meet here a year from next December. Our committee has been intending to use every effort to make the meeting a highly successful one, and we were hoping to create a widespread interest in the Association. However, the outbreak of this terrible war has made an entirely new situation. At present the war hangs over us like a cloud so heavily that it would be very hard indeed for us to arouse interest in a scientific meeting. Also, the financial situation is anything but promising. We cannot hazard any conjecture as to the length of the war, though we are making preparations on the assumption that it may last for another year at least. What condition we shall be in then no one can tell. Our committee thought that it was only right that I should thus place our conditions before you at this early stage in the chance that you might be able to change the place of meeting and come to us later, at a time when we shall be able to give you a welcome that we would be anxious to accord the Association.

I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.

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November 11, 1914.

Dr. Robert W. Falconer,  
University of Toronto,  
Toronto, Canada.

My dear Sir:

Your letter of the 29th ultimo comes to me as no surprise and the Association will, as you suggest, make arrangements to hold the meeting of 1915-16 at some other place.

All British subjects have the earnest sympathy of our people.

Yours very sincerely,

*L. O. Howard.*

December 19th, 1914

L. O. Howard, Esq.,

Secretary, American Association for the Advancement of Science,

Smithsonian Institute,

Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Howard:

I have a circular signed by the late Dr. Minot, Mr. Catel and yourself asking that the University should send delegates to the next meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science which is to meet in Philadelphia on the 26th of December. It has been our practice in the past to send delegates to these meetings and to pay a considerable portion of their expenses. This practice we have found to be of much value in introducing our men to fellow workers in various branches of science, and we hope to be able to resume the practice in the future, but owing to the war and the necessary reduction of expenses we have found it necessary this year to discontinue any payment for travelling expenses. I regret this very much, but as I say I hope it will only be temporary, and that some of our men even now may be able to go at their own expense to the next meeting.

Yours sincerely,

President.